

The award winners will be honored at a dinner on Tuesday, March 21, at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington. The Honorable Luther E. Hodges, Secretary of Commerce, will be the principal speaker, and the United States Marine Band will provide entertainment. Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be Mr. Theodore F. Koop, Washington Director of News and Public Affairs for CBS. A Career Service Award Certificate and personal memento will be presented to each winner.

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SHERMAN KENT CHOSEN AS ONE OF TOP CAREER PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT

Sherman Kent, Assistant Director for National Estimates in the Central Intelligence Agency, has been selected to receive one of the highly prized Career Service Awards of the National Civil Service League. The award will be presented to Mr. Kent on March 21 at a colorful dinner in Washington, D.C. that will be open to the public.

The League, a nonpartisan citizens' organization representing the public interest in improving government, this year will give its seventh series of Career Service Awards to ten Federal employees chosen for competence, character, and outstanding achievements.

Mr. Kent has played a unique role in the development of the Central Intelligence Agency and of intelligence as a profession. Utilizing his war-time experience and his appreciation of national strategic problems which was enhanced by his association with the National War College, he developed a theory of the intelligence process which was adopted by the government and effectuated through a series of organizational and personnel changes in the CIA beginning in 1950. His book, Strategic Intelligence, published in 1949, was a landmark in the field of intelligence research and analysis.

Mr. Kent's constant search for significant information is matched only by his capacity to integrate the information into a meaningful whole. He has an impressive grasp of world affairs, is an intimate adviser to the Director of Central Intelligence, and wields a strong influence upon all aspects of CIA activity.

Born in Chicago, Mr. Kent was educated at Yale University where he has served as a professor of history. He lives with his wife and two children in Washington.

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